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Interview Summary

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Kevin L McHenry, examiner. (3) _____
(2) Roland Long, applicant's representative. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 22 August 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hamasaki (U.S.P. 4,507,540), Yenni (U.S.P. 2,753,427), and Steen (U.S.P. 4,167,662).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The prior art of the rejection (such as Hamasaki, Yenni, and Steen) was reviewed. The applicant argued that the secondary references teaching gases for MIG or gas-shielded arc welding were not obvious to combine with hybrid welding references.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required